MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: I am afraid I have to claim notice.

"Wadge Bank" Fishing Ground.

352. ✱ MR. CODIVEETIL C. RAMANKUNJU (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the existence of a fishing ground known as "Wadge Bank" near our sea coast; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the steps they have taken to tap the resources of the same?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is under consideration.

MR. CODIVEETIL C. RAMAN KUNJU: ആഹാരസാധനങ്ങളുടെ ക്ഷയാസന്നതയും മത്സ്യവ്യവസായികളുടെ കഷ്ടതകളേയുംപരിഗണിച്ച് ഈ ആലോചന ഒന്നു ത്വരിതമായി നടത്തുന്നതിനു മേവുണ്ടാകുമോ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: It is a very big question and the Professor of Marine Biology has made various suggestions such as the opening of an Ice Factory and a Canning Factory before the exploitation of fisheries can be taken up. I am afraid that the matter cannot be expedited at least under present conditions.

The Vocational and Welfare Officer.

353. ✱MR. G. VELU PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state the special qualifications of the Vocational and Welfare Officer for that post?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: B. A. (Physics) and L. T. (Madras University). Has 15 years' experience as an English and Science-master in High School classes and as English conversation teacher in Primary classes in different High schools in the Madras Presidency as also considerable experience in Boy, Youth and Adult Leadership Training and in the working of Youth and Boy Organisations *i.e.*, over 12 years as Provincial Organising Scout Commissioner in charge of 14 districts in Madras Presidency doing propaganda, publicity and organisation in those Districts and as Editor of the Official Magazine of the Provincial Scout Association in the Presidency. He was also in sole charge of Preliminary and advanced training of Adult Leaders both from schools and outside, for scout and Boy welfare work generally. During the whole of this period, he was one of the few authorised representatives in India, as Deputy Camp Chief, of the Central Training Establishment attached to the Imperial Scout Headquarters in England. Has travelled extensively in Europe, India, Ceylon and Burma; has made a special and extensive study of the psychological, practical and educational aspects of adult leadership organisations and programmes, boy and youth movements and their working, Leadership training programmes in Great Britain, France, Belgium, Holland, Switzerland and Italy and has first-hand experience and knowledge in these matters. Has had the additional advantage of training on these lines at the Gilwell Park Training Centre in Essex,

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[Mr. A. Gopala Menon.]

England. Has also a thorough knowledge of physical training of boys and children according to various systems. Is himself a good sportsman proficient in Games and field sports.

MR. K. G. GOVINDAN (*Pathanamthitta*): May I know the nature of the work of the vocational and welfare officer?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: The work consists in training school masters primarily, that is, of Malayalam and Tamil schools, to train boys in vocational lines; that is to say in creating in them an aptitude for home work, for domestic crafts of various kinds with materials that are available in the locality. It also includes programmes of games and subjects adapted to the use of school children. It also includes encouragement for school gardening and other kinds of school activities with which the pupils could get familarised at that age.

MR. K. G. GOVINDAN: May I know how many such officers are there in the State for that purpose?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: There is only one at present.

MR. K. G. GOVINDAN: May I know when he was appointed?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: From Chingam 1115.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know in how many schools this programme was effected this year?

PRESIDENT: In more than 50 schools. I myself have visited more than 25 schools.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know the number of school children to whom instructions in this line have been given?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: That information has been supplied in connection with another question.

PRESIDENT: That information may be given even now. In that case it will shorten supplementary questions with regard to the other questions.

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: I want a little time for that purpose.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: In answer to question 353 it is stated that he "has travelled extensively in Europe, India, Ceylon and Burma; has made a special and extensive study of the psychological, practical and educational aspects of adult leadership organisations and programmes, boy and youth movements and their working leadership training 'programmes....." May I know whether he has trained any leader in Travancore?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: That is the work in connection with the camps that the organising officer is holding.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know whether any vocational training is given?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: No, Sir.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know why this officer did not make any tours in Travancore to make his special knowledge available throughout the State?

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MR. A. GOPALA MENON: He is doing it within the area where he is already training leaders in Schools.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: Was there a training camp in Trivandrum by this officer?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: Yes, Sir.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know how many teachers attended the camp?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: There were about 120 teachers in the three camps.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know the expense for that?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: That is being audited and the figures are not yet available.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: The amount was spent and the expenditure has been incurred. I want to know how much money was spent.

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: The amount sanctioned was Rs. 650 for each camp.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know how many camps there were?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: Three camps were held.

MR. K. KUNJU PANICKER: May I know whether the programme includes items for industrialisation suited to this country?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: Yes, Sir.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know whether in the programme vocational training is included?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: No, Sir.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know whether this officer was deputed for any other service outside the State after his appointment here?

MR A. GOPALA MENON: Not after his employment here.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know whether his services were not lent to the Bikaner State?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: No.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: Was he not given any allowance by this Government when he was in Bikaner?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: No, Sir

PRESIDENT: What is the honourable member's suggestion? He is a specially qualified officer and his services were required elsewhere and he returned after that. His Highness the Maharaja of Bikaner personally asked me to lend his services to be his Secretary. That was done and after that I re-called him.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: This is the popular understanding. It is therefore that I raised these questions.

Catholic Community and the Secretariat.

354 *MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU: Will the Government be pleased to state why no member of the Catholic Community has been appointed as Secretary, Assistant Secretary or Superintendent in the Secretariat?

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